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## CONCERN OVER EFFLUENT

By "Star" Reporter

**The Altona City Council is doing all it can to ensure there will be no ill effects from effluent following on the sewerage of Altona South.**

**Williamstown and Sunshine councillors have expressed concern and call for action by the Western Suburbs Municipal Association.**

**The inferred suggestion that Altona Council policy and efforts are not meeting an extreme situation is not at all warranted by the facts. There is no question that *successive Altona Councils* have faced up to Altona sewerage and effluent problems, and in the light of information given them and expert advice, have made reasonable decisions.**

Events have shown that such information and advice are now open to question. The decision of the Government to abandon the larger scheme in the Eastern Bay waters has largely, but not entirely, created a new set of circumstances. At least there is a strong call for a dispassionate review of Altona's position.

When Commissioner of the Board of Works, ex-Cr. J. J. Ginifer found that because of the low lying land in Altona and the overloading of Werribee, a self contained sewerage service would be necessary in Altona. It would have its own settling areas and the effluent would be disposed offshore. This was to be regarded as a temporary expedient, say for 20 years, until with the installation of the Cape Schank scheme, much of the load is removed from Werribee.

The Council of that day was assured that the effluent would be harmless and even drinkable.

On the facts known to them, including the knowledge that Kororoit Creek and the Mulga and Nellie Streets drains were at that stage, and still are, pouring polluted water into the Bay, and also the knowledge that otherwise Altona sewerage would be indefinitely delayed, they agreed to the Board of Works plan. This was in 1964.

When the Eastern suburbs sewerage extension plan included a large scale effluent disposal into the Bay waters at Carrum, strong opposition became apparent. On the one hand the Board of Works proved to its own satisfaction at least, that the effluent was not and could not be harmful. For some reason it did not publicise the fact that effluent had been deposited daily for many years 100 feet off Mornington and a much larger amount into the Dandenong Creek which finds its way into the Bay. On the other hand critics, both informed and uninformed, assailed the plan from all angles.

The Government felt itself forced to announce that there would be no effluent deposit allowed into the Bay unless it was convinced that there would be no harmful effect.

At a later stage, though no fresh evidence was apparent, it instructed the Board of Works to abandon *the scheme.*

The Government, however, gave no similar direction regarding the Altona scheme. Logically it could be claimed that what was bad in the Eastern Bay waters must be also bad in the Western reaches. Actually the position is worse.

1. The sewerage effluent at Altona is to be less pure than that provided for in the Carrum scheme.

2. The most harmful effect in any effluent would be in seaweed growth, already too strong in Altona waters.

Without any delay the Altona Council took steps to have its position reconsidered. To an urgent letter to the Minister of Local Government, Mr. R. J. Hamer, it received a reply which noted inter alia the previous consent of the Altona Council. In view of the changed circumstances a deputation to the Minister was arranged. Points made by the deputation covered:

(a) Alternative disposal of the effluent in other than Bay waters.
(b) Further purification of the effluent.
(c) Extending the effluent much further into the Bay.

In making these suggestions Council was of course much influenced by the necessity of avoiding delay to the almost completed sewerage scheme. The proposals are now being considered by the Minister.

It may be that further action will be required on the part of the Council. It will be good for them to know that they have the approval and support of the Western Municipalities.

But until events prove otherwise its reasoned approach to the Government seems to be the most politic move.

## "TRIUMPH AT COMBINED SWIM FOR ST. PAUL'S SQUAD"

**Twelve firsts and six new records wrapped up the Junior and Juvenile shields for Altona North's St. Paul's College, competing in the Combined Brothers Secondary School's Carnival at Olympic Pool on April 2.**

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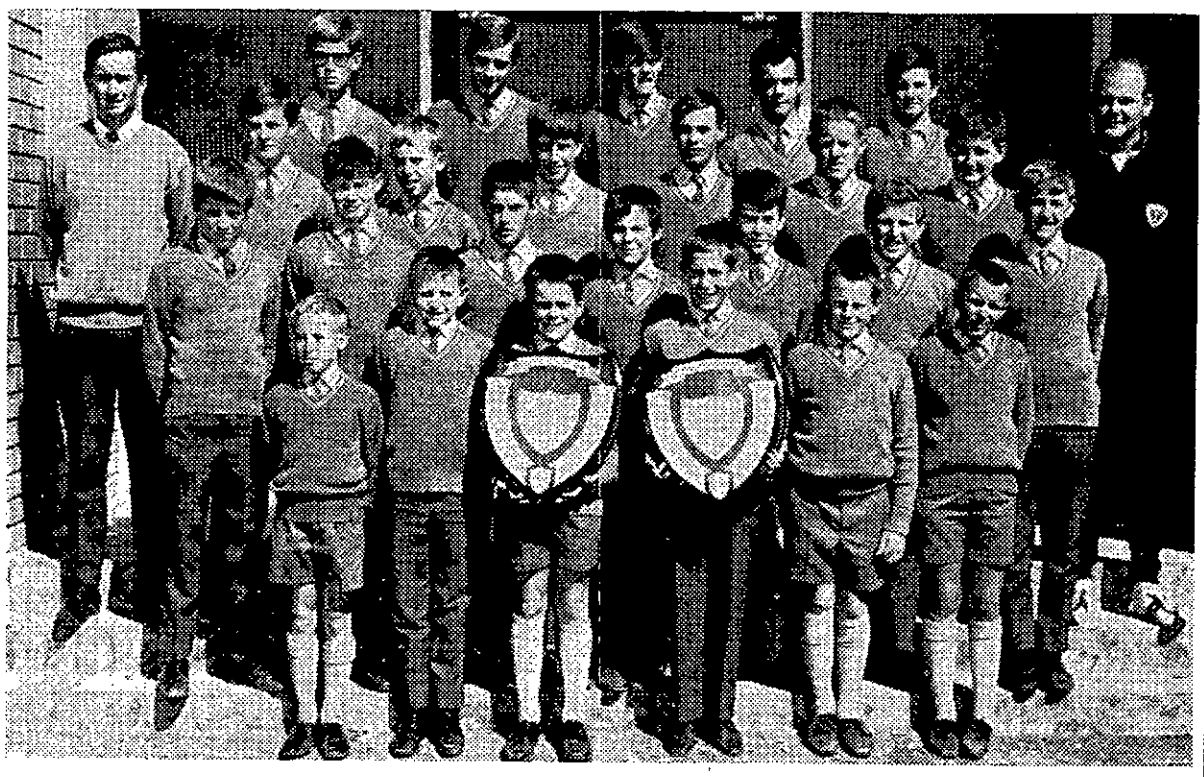

St. Paul swimmers with their coaches proudly display the shields they won at the combined swimming sports.

Front row, left to right: Russell Meaney, Neil McIn tosh, Steven Hamment, Clyde Davenport, Robert Barlow, Shane Grist. Second row, left to right: Joseph Hynes, Kevin McTaggart, John Lewer, Terry Keating, Mark Ferrie, Brendan Burnette, Peter Strahan. Third row, left to right: Mr. Clive O'Connell, Coach, Ray Tyrrell, Peter Van Der Reyden, William Weir, Tony Fitzpatrick, Michael Scott, Anthony Naughton, Mr. Merv Splatt, Coach (Newport Swimming Academy). Fourth row, left to right: Paul Gib son, Shane O'Brien, Stephen Bugden, Brian Tyrrell, John Henry.

## C.R.B. Members Visit Altona

Photographed outside the Council Chamber after a tour of the City by Country Roads Board members are City Engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons, Board Chairman Mr. I. J. E. O'Donnell, Mayor Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, Board Deputy Chairman Mr. R. E. V. Donaldson, Board Member Mr. J. D. Thorpe and Engineer Mr. H. W. Hobbs.

**Future development trends in Altona may receive a great impetus from a visit on April 2 of Country Roads Board members and their discussions with Altona Councillors and executive officers.**

**Councillors expressed priorities for Altona Road improvements as follows: —**

1. Reconstruction and widening of Queen Street westwards from Maidstone as the first stage of a divided roadway.

2. Construction of Grieve Highway between Pinnacle Road and Blackshaws Road.

3. Reconstruction of Millers Road between Civic Parade and the Esplanade.

Leading the C.R.B. party was the Chairman Mr. I. J. E. O'Donnell, who was accompanied by the Deputy Chairman Mr. R. E. V. Donaldson, member Mr. J. D. Thorpe, and Divisional Engineer Mr. H. W. P. Hobbs.

Altona councillors present were the Mayor, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts and Crs. Burns, Lynch, Stewart and Weaver. With them were the City Engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons, the Deputy Engineer, Mr. A. V. Jokubauskas, and Engineer, Mr. D. Rees.

Most of the morning was taken up with an escorted tour of extensive areas of Altona North and Altona West.

Particular reference was of course made to the Freeway overpasses, underpasses and interchanges.

Cr. Crofts said the Board members seemed quite impressed with the internal development of Altona since their last visit.

## New Bus Route Planned for Lower Yarra Crossing

**The Tramways Board is planning to run a bus service over the Lower Yarra Crossing into the City.**

In the Legislative Council the Hon. A. Todd, member for Melbourne West, asked if the Board is considering using the crossing for a new bus route.

The reply was that the Board plans to operate a bus service from the corner of Geelong Road and Blackshaws Road via the Western Approach Freeway, the Lower Yarra Crossing and the Eastern Freeway to Graham Street, thence via the most direct route to a central point in the City.

## A New Appointment

**Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, the new chairman of the Memorial Park, is a man with many interests.**

**A scientist and lecturer at *Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology*, he has long been an active member and leader of various Altona organisations.**

Cr. Crofts, Mayor of Altona, has added to the old saying — If you want a job done properly then ask a busy person. He was elected Chairman of the Board of trustees of the Memorial Park and the Williamstown General Cemetery, on Saturday, March 29. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1954.

Cr. Crofts, who is a scientist with the Dept. of Supply, is at times called upon to travel interstate. He has twice recently visited Adelaide in connection with his work and on one visit had an extensive tour of the Glenelg Sewerage Works and had discussions on the re-use of the purified effluent for Municipal Lawns, Golf Courses and Caravan Parks. In 1960-61 he visited England and toured England and Europe quite extensively.

Cr. Crofts has been Chairman of the Seaholme State School Committee for several years and holds the same position with the Altona Youth Club. He is particularly interested in Youth Activity and the field of education. He is a member of three institutes and each week he is a part time lecturer at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

He is also Secretary of the Altona Branch of the A.N.A. Medical and Hospital Benefits Organisation, a life Governor of two hospitals, and still finds time to play bowls with the Altona Bowling Club.

In addition to these activities Cr. Crofts was installed as the first Mayor of Altona on December 21, 1968 and is now the "Father" of the Altona City Council. He has held the portfolios of Town Planning, Finance, Transport and Public Relations, and has been responsible for many outstanding reports to the Council.

# EDITORIAL

# SPORT

We make no apology for the large extent of coverage of sport in the Altona Star.

For indulgence in sport is one of the positive influences for good. There are only too many negative ones — inertia, indolence, aimlessness and vandalism.

We will be most happy to see every available playing area in Altona fully occupied every weekend. Then there will be less to fear for Altona's young people.

Elsewhere in this paper are noted the problems facing certain sporting bodies in Altona, we could have greatly extended the list.

These difficulties can be overcome. But there is one thing above all necessary in every sporting association. That is a sense of involvement. For the player, it means more than playing the game, however earnestly. More than constant practice, more perhaps than facing a succession of defeats. It means involvement in the club's fortunes, identifying oneself with the club and being emotionally stirred by its successes and failures.

And for the supporter, whether he be a friend or relative of the player, or simply a lover of the game, there is the same necessity.

He can have vicarious pleasure in following the fortunes of his team but he can have much more.

He can have actual pleasure if he feels he is in some way part of the team — that his efforts are in some way contributing to the successful working of the club and its players. To do so he must become involved and it may be at some cost.

As in other walks of life, those who give most to their activity — their particular sport — those who give most will get the most from it.


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## CITY OF ALTONA
## PAYMENT OF RATES
**Interest Due After April 10, 1969.**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, notice is hereby given that all rates and interest due in respect of property within the City of Altona must be paid on or before April 10, 1969, to avoid payment of interest.

Interest at 8 per cent will date from December 10, 1968. The Collector will be in attendance daily at the Civic Offices — bank holidays excluded from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Dog Fees which are due before April 15 and other charges may be paid with rates.

**JAMES W. WATERS,**
**Town Clerk.**

# City Council Jottings

**Cr. D. K. Grant has suggested the Health Inspector make more sporadic inspections of Kororoit Creek. He said more colour is showing up in the water and needs watching.**

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Recommendations from the Swimming Pool Advisory Committee will be presented at a general meeting on Monday, April 21.

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**Tenders closed recently for extensions to the Elderly Citizens Club.**
No tenders were received.

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Permission has been granted for "Forget-me-nots", to be sold throughout Altona on Friday, December 12. This appeal aids the Spastic Children's Society of Victoria.

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**Cr. R. Richards has been approached regarding establishing a Little Athletics Centre in Altona.**
He agrees Altona should have this sporting facility and has promised to give it consideration. He will report on the matter at a later date.

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**Approval has been given the Director of Appeals for Carry On to conduct a Badge Day in Altona on Friday, December 5.**

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The annual visits to schools to provide immunization facilities to school children commenced on March 21.
First visits immunized the children against diptheria and tetanus.

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**Altona Group of UNICEF Auxiliary raised a total of $180 for 1968.**
Future fund raising efforts include stalls in Pier Street on June 6 and December 5.

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**The Mayor will represent the City Council at meetings of the Municipal Association of Victoria.**
His Deputy for this appointment is the Deputy Mayor, Cr. P. Burns.

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**Junior councillors will meet for the first time in 1969 on Tuesday, April 15, at 1.15 p.m. in the Council Chamber.**
Attending this meeting will be some new staff members who will observe the Junior Council activities and increase their knowledge in matters of Local Government and local interest.

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**The Victorian Railways will be asked who is responsible for the upkeep of the area where the taxis park at the foot of the ramp leading to Altona Railway Station.**

The area belongs to the Railways. Originally it was asphalted but is now rough and stoney.

The question is, is maintenance the responsibility of the Department or the company operating the taxis?

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**Temporary toilet facilities are to be provided on Ginifer Reserve, Altona North.**
Altona North Old Boys Soccer Club asked for water to be connected to the Reserve, the gate be opened onto the Reserve and provision of toilet facilities.

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**The Australian Hornet Championships will be held at Altona over the next Christmas holiday period.**
Yachts from Western Australia are expected to compete, said Cr. R. Richards.
This will follow the holding of the Australasian Darts Championship at the Working Men's Club where facilities are equal to any other club.
Two Australian championship events to be held in Altona in the one year.

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**Another branch library for Altona North is being considered. A site on the Council tip could be reserved for this future use.**

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The United Kingdom Settlers Association which has a number of members residing in Altona will meet once each month in the Committee Room at the Altona East branch library.

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**Altona Council is not in a position to supply and deliver quality loam soil for spreading on the soft ball court at the primary school in Blyth Street. In making the request for the soil the Principal said the school committee could make a nominal payment.**
In answer to a question from Cr. R. F. Harrison, the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. H. Trueman, said the Council cannot do private work on private property.

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**The appropriate department is to be approached with a view to obtaining a powder truck from the Explosives Reserve for the Altona Historical Society.**
The Council will arrange storage until the Society is ready to take it over.

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**Altona Working Men's Club is seeking permission to construct a bowling green beside the club building.**
Council is requesting submission of a lay-out plan of the proposed green.

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**There are 564 houses between the West Gate Freeway and Princes Highway**
Of these 92 are in the City of Altona and 472 in Sunshine.

## Health Insurance and Rising Costs

By JOHN BACON —

endorsed DLP candidate for Lalor.

The report of the Nimmo Committee of Enquiry into health insurance, contained some valuable suggestions aimed at improving the framework, of the existing hospital and medical benefits system.

The Nimmo Committee recommended Commonwealth assistance to low income families to help them meet hospital and medical insurance contributions, because it said these contributions were beyond the capacity to pay of some members of the community, and involved hardship to others.

As to health insurance organisations, the Nimmo enquiry reported that some were operating at high cost and that benefit tables were too complex and in some cases inadequate. The lack of co-operation between the health insurance companies, the Government and the medical profession, is evident in the gap that now exists between the existing medical benefit rebate and the cost of evening surgery visits which were increased by about 40% last year.

In view of its record, it is doubtful whether the Gorton Government will act on the Nimmo Committee recommendations.

The D.L.P. suggests that the Nimmo enquiry would have served the public better if its terms of reference had allowed recommendations to change the existing system of health insurance entirely.

The D.L.P. believes that in the long run, there is no escaping the need for a Contributory National Insurance Scheme on a compulsory basis to cover sickness and accident. This is D.L.P. policy.

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Authorised by Richard Bourke, 13 Union Street, Sunshine.

## Proposed Oil Pipeline Across Bay to Altona

**Questions on the proposed pipeline across Port Phillip Bay to Altona were asked in Parliament last week.**

The question asked was — "When honorable members will be informed of the result of the study into the proposal to lay a crude oil pipeline between Long Island Point and Altona and Geelong, and whether this study will indicate — (a) which municipalities this pipeline will cross; (b) where the pipe will enter and leave Port Phillip Bay; (c) what area of land will be affected; and (d) what depth below the surface of the bay the pipe will be laid."

Mr. Balfour (Minister for Fuel and Power) replied:

"No application has yet been received for authority to lay a pipeline to convey crude oil across Port Phillip Bay. When such application is received the proposed route will be advertised in the press and the Government Gazette in accordance with the provisions of the Pipelines Act 1967".

## FINANCIAL HELP FOR SCHOOL EXPENSES

**If a parent's income does not exceed $35.05 plus $1.50 for the third and each successive child they can obtain financial help towards the cost of uniforms, fees and books for their school children.**

The level of income was last reviewed in October, 1968, said the Minister of Education, Mr. Thompson, in Parliament last week.

## HEARING OF PLANNING OBJECTIONS

**The Planning and Highways Committee has begun hearing objections to Amendment No. 1 to the Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme. It has already completed two full-day hearings, and will sit again on April 17 and 28 and on May 26.**

The amending schemes provides for rationalisation of zoning within the urban area of the principal scheme. A total of 277 objections was received.

Meanwhile, Amendment No. 2 will remain on exhibition at the offices of the Board, 610 Little Collins Street (5th Floor), Melbourne: the Town and Country Planning Board, 179 Queen Street, Melbourne, and at all municipal offices in the Planning Scheme area, until May 6, 1969.

## PLANS FOR WIDENING KORKOROIT CREEK ROAD

**Acquisition of land to enable widening of Kororoit Creek Road in the Williamstown area is proceeding but it is not definite when construction work will commence.**

This was the reply given in the Legislative Assembly to a question asked by Mr. W. L. Floyd, Member for Williamstown.

He asked whether, now that the boom gates at North Williamstown have been operating for some time, any plans have been made by the Country Roads Board for the widening of Kororoit Creek Road, North Williamstown and, if so, when will the work begin.

He was told an allocation for the construction of the southern carriageway of a duplicated pavement was made by the Country Roads Board to the Williamstown City Council in 1967-68.

Acquisition of the necessary land by the C.R.B. is proceeding, but it is not definite when construction work will commence.

# CANBERRA DIARY

## By Merv. Lee, M.P.

**Hereunder are details of the Commonwealth new home care programme for the aged.**

The scheme stems from the announcement made last year by the Prime Minister "that no nation can be great unless it seeks not only materially to progress but also to take care of the weaker within it, the aged within it and the ill within it". It is intended to provide funds on a dollar for dollar basis with the States **to assist in the development of housekeeper and home help services for the aged.**

**Assistance will also be given for the provision of Senior Citizen Centres** to which older people can come for company and services such as meals, laundry and chiropody. It is proposed that funds will be provided for capital expenditure on these centres on the following basis — 1/3 of the cost to be born by the Commonwealth, 1/3 by the State and 1/3 by a local authority or by community effort. This will mean that a building costing — say $30,000 can be provided with a local contribution of only $10,000, the balance of the money to come from the Federal and State Governments. These arrangements have been made following Commonwealth-State discussions but have yet to be confirmed by the various States.

It is also proposed that further assistance will also be available to meet half the salary of a qualified social worker who would be attached to the centre.

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**I was speaking to the Minister for Shipping & Transport concerning roads and I believe that Victoria may expect considerable improvements to the main highways over the next five years as a result of a 67% increase in Commonwealth grants for roads throughout Australia. The Commonwealth Government has long acknowledged a financial obligation to contribute to the development of the Australian roads system and is nowadays financing more than one third of the total amount spent annually on roads throughout Australia.**

The Commonwealth Bureau of Roads has recommended that, provided it is applied economically, expenditure on roads at a rate considerably higher than at present should be undertaken. It is my view that a big increase is necessary in construction and reconstruction of arterial and sub-arterial roads in city areas and there must also be continuing improvement in the highway system spanning the nation, particularly the sections nearer the cities where the traffic reaches some density. The Government proposes to make a grant to the States of $1,200 million during the next five years.

Of this amount Victoria will get $254.4 million. The State will also be expected to increase their own expenditures on roads from their own resources (motor registrations, etc). It is obvious to me that there will be a significant improvement in road standards because of this arrangement.

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**HEALTH SERVICES IN THE FUTURE**

The long awaited report relating to the problem of hospital and medical bills has been received at Parliament House.

The report bears out my view that contributions to health insurance schemes have been increased to such an extent that they are now beyond the capacity of some members of the community, and involve considerable hardship for others. This position cannot persist because these are the very people who most need assistance when illness comes their way. The problem is not nearly so important for those in higher income brackets, for these people could probably manage without assistance to pay hospital and medical bills. But it can be a very great problem for a family which cannot afford to enter one of these schemes.

The report has also indicated that the health insurance scheme is unnecessarily complex and an unduly high proportion of contributions received by some organisations are absorbed in operating expenses, advertising etc. There are 42 recommendations contained in the report and I will shortly have something to say on the matter in the house.

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**MANUFACTURER OF CHILDREN'S CLOTHING**

I tried to catch the speaker's eye to ask a question of the Minister for Trade and Industry (Mr. McEwen) concerning the unparalleled increase in children's clothing which is coming from Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

I have been led to believe that toddler's cuddle suits, overalls, romper suits, etc, are being brought into Australia at much less than half the cost at which they are made in Australia.

I am very concerned about this matter as the future of city and country clothing factories which manufacture these lines will be threatened. I also want to ask Mr. McEwen if it is a fact that completed garments are imported at lower rates of duty than the material from which Australian manufacturers have to make similar garments. These questions will now have to wait.

## LOCAL APPEARS IN EPISODE OF DIV. 4

**You'd hardly expect to see a 66-year-old playing stunt parts in T.V. movies, but veteran actor Richard Ross Snr., recently had this experience when he was dragged from an angry surf at Sandringham, to provide a feature scene in one of the episodes of the now-controversial "Division 4" series.**

Richard may have been acting, yet there was more than a slight element of danger in the escapade, some of the waves being so aggressive that the director, insisting on "reality", took a dive when one particular "white horse" knocked him over and held up shooting.

Foundation members of the Altona Drama Group will remember the veteran, for he was an active contributor to the pioneering efforts of the movement until it was well-established.

He has played several parts for the Crawford organisation, but is not over-keen to continue in stunt roles unless they can be "tamed" to modification. Could you blame him.

Mr. Ross is also a well-known writer. He has lived in Altona for 25 years.

## School Planned for Hoppers Crossing

**A primary school is to be built at Hoppers Crossing, Werribee, but no date has been set as yet for the calling of tenders.**

This was the reply given by the Minister of Education, Mr. L. H. S. Thompson, to a question asked in the Legislative Council by the Hon. A. W. Knight.

## ALTONA COMPETES IN INTERDOMINION DARTS

**Bill Draper and Mick Ellis represented Altona RSL in the interdominion singles and doubles championship darts at Gladesville and Burwood RSL clubs in N.S.W. during the Easter weekend.**

A members' day darts and bowls tournament will be held at Altona on Saturday, April 12.

## ANZAC MARCH

**The annual R.S.L. march for Anzac Day will be held on Sunday, April 20. The march will commence at 2.15 p.m. from the R.S.L. Hall.**

The speaker will be the Mayor, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts.

All members are requested to attend.

## NEW TIMES FOR GIRLS GYM CLASSES

**There are new times for the Altona Presbyterian Girls Gymnasium, beginning from Monday, April 14.**

They are:
Babies — 5-5.30 p.m.
Sub-Juniors — 5.30-6.15 p.m.
Juniors — 6.15-7 p.m.
Intermediates — 7.15-8.00 p.m.

A Stanhome demonstration will be held at the Church Hall, Civic Parade on Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m.

## High School P. & C. Meeting

**The next meeting of the Altona High School Parents and Citizens Association *will be held on Monday,* April 14, at 7.30 p.m. at the school.**

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Frank Cahill will give a short talk on the Altona Petrochemical Complex.

## HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN NEXT SUNDAY

**The Altona Historical Society's Museum will be open on Sunday, April 13 from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

All are welcome to inspect *the Society's display at the* Organization's Centre, Queen Street.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at the Organization's Centre, Queen Street.

## NONSENSE HAT SHOW FOR YOUNG WIVES

**St. Eanswythe's Young Wives Group, Altona, is a group of women open to all denominations in Altona. Their aim is to provide *friendship and fellowship* as well as stimulating thought on a wide range of topics interspersed with "fun nights".**

The next meeting of the Group will be in the Parish Hall, Queen Street, on Tuesday, April 15, at 8 p.m. and will be a "Nonsense Hat Show" with ladies making a hat named from a book or song title. Prizes will be given for the most outlandish hat and the most apt title.

Anyone requiring transport is asked to ring either the Leader, Mrs. Shirley King at 398-2444 or the Secretary, Mrs. Elaine Grainger at 398-2834.

## ELDERLY CITIZENS DANCE

**The Elderly Citizens Social Club committee meeting will be held at 1.30 p.m. on Monday, April 14 at the club rooms.**

The monthly dance, old time and modern, will be held this Saturday night at the club rooms. For a donation of 30 cents, including supper, a good time can be had. There are monte carlo prizes, also.

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# "Something to Hide"

**"Something to Hide" will be the next production to be presented by the Altona Drama Group on May 5, 6 and 7, in the Civic Hall.**

**Each week until then a description of the roles and the players taking these parts will be published.**

Dawn Hillman and Rex Jemmeson start off the cast of seven.

"Stella". The girl from the village acts as a maid in the Holt's week-end retreat. She is pretty and a good worker, but is that all? Who did she speak to on the telephone? Could she have something to hide?

"Stella" is played by Dawn Hillman, one of the younger members. Dawn has had some previous acting experience with the group, having taken the part of "Miss Skillon" in "See How They Run".

"Will Purdie" saw the little red sports car as it sped past but who was driving it? Was it someone with something to hide- "Will Purdie" is played by Rex Jemmeson, the Group President, and Rex has had over 10 years experience with groups in country districts as well as Melbourne.

Rex also has had experience of stage management and production.

## TALK ON NEW GUINEA AT C.W.A.

**The Altona Branch, Country Women's Association will hold a general meeting on Monday, April 14, at "The Homestead", 128 Queen St., Altona, at 1 p.m. The competition for April will be Best Bloom and Plastic Doyley novelty for May.**

Members are reminded about the market stall and are asked to bring along 2 to 3 cakes for afternoon tea.

Mrs. Elaine Grainger will be the guest speaker and will speak on New Guinea.

Donations of knitting needles, wool, scrap material, sewing needles and ric-rac braid are to be parcelled up to send to New Guinea through the State International Officer.

## EASTER EFFORT WINNERS

**The Seaholme State School Mothers Club wish to announce the prize winners of their Easter effort.**

1st prize — June Culbert, 77 Maidstone St., Altona.
2nd prize — Moira Duff, 17 Sussex St., Seaholme.
3rd prize — D. Morgan, C/o Ansett A.N.A.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEETING

**A Congregational meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday after the 9.15 service to consider proposals for the re-introduction of Christian *Education* for the whole congregation.**

## L. A. MEETING

**The Local Association of Guides and Brownies will hold their next meeting on Thursday, April 17, at 7.45 p.m. in the Guide Hall, Civic Parade, Altona.**

The meeting is important as the main point of discussion will be the cake stall to be held on the following Saturday, April 19, in Pier Street.

The support of all parents is needed to make this fund raising effort a success.

## BOTTLE DRIVE

**The Presbyterian Church Football team are holding a bottle drive on Sunday, April 13, to raise money for their football jumpers and equipment.**

Anyone wishing to have bottles picked up could ring 398-1585.

# Life Saving Club Report

**The monthly executive meeting of the Altona Life Saving Club was held in the Clubhouse on Tuesday, April 1. Mr. R. Edwards presided in the absence of Mr. H. Kip, who was unable to attend.**

**The Chief Instructor reported that swimming training at Richmond Baths will commence on Monday, April 21. The bus will leave the clubhouse at 6.45 p.m. prompt and the fare will be 30 cents. Financial members only will be allowed on the bus.**

### ANNUAL PICNIC

The Secretary reported that the annual barbecue picnic would be held on Sunday, April 20. The venue will be Emerald Lake. There will be no charge for financial members. Friends may *attend for $1.50 if travelling* on the bus and 50 cents if traveling by car. This charge is to cover the cost of the barbecue lunch and tea. Members wishing to attend should hand in their names without delay so that catering arrangements may be finalised.

### M.S.B.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Melbourne and Suburban Beaches Association Championships were held on Sunday, March 9. Altona were not very well represented and finished a moderate 3rd with 57 points to Williamstown 110 and South Melbourne 82. The only other club competing was Sandridge, who could only manage 9 points. Altona girls reel, line and resuscitation team won their event.

### OPERATION BEACH CLEAN

Miss Ann Shanahan did a good job, organising the glass patrols this season and maintained the log book in a very satisfactory manner. This will be forwarded to the City Council for judging *in the annual operation* Beach Clean campaign.

It was very interesting to read in the February issue of the Royal Life Saver of the great success of the Voluntary Beach Clean effort conducted by the City of Sandringham. In the words of the Mayor, Cr. R. M. Iverson, the idea was borrowed from the City of Altona and is conducted on similar lines.

Twenty-three organisations took part, including 5 life saving clubs. Thirteen organisations received donations of $40 each for notching up 100 hours or more. Three received $20 each for having over 60 hours and the remainder received letters of thanks. The winners were 3rd Hampton Scouts with 368 hours. All told, 2505 hours were recorded, the equivalent of 62½ forty hour working weeks.

The Altona Club feels great satisfaction that an idea suggested by its members has been adopted by another bayside municipality *and hopes that in the near* future other Councils will do likewise.

### MISSING PROPERTY

The property officer reported that 3 pairs of men's bathers, 2 pairs of ladies' bathers and 6 caps had not yet been handed in. Members who still have these in their possession are requested to hand them in without delay.

### PRESENTATION NIGHT

The annual presentation night will be held on Saturday, May 17, in the clubhouse. Tickets at 50 cents each will be available shortly. Dancing will be from 8 till 9, presentations 9-9.30, supper from 9.30-10 and finally dancing from 10-11.30 p.m.

### FIRST AID CASES

The First Aid Officer reported that a total of 62 cases had received treatment. Of these only 7 had been cuts caused by glass. Five cases had been advised to seek further medical attention: one patient had required oxygen. The majority of cases were cuts from shells, abrasions caused by rocks, porcupine stings, sun burn and heat exhaustion.

There was 1 person drowned at Seaholme, well away from the area patrolled by the lifesavers. The patrol was notified but unfortunately was too late to revive life.

## Lingerie Demonstration for Play Centre

**The Altona West Play Centre are holding a lingerie demonstration at the home of Mrs. Muscat, 6 Galvin Street, Altona West, on Tuesday, April 15, at 8 p.m.**

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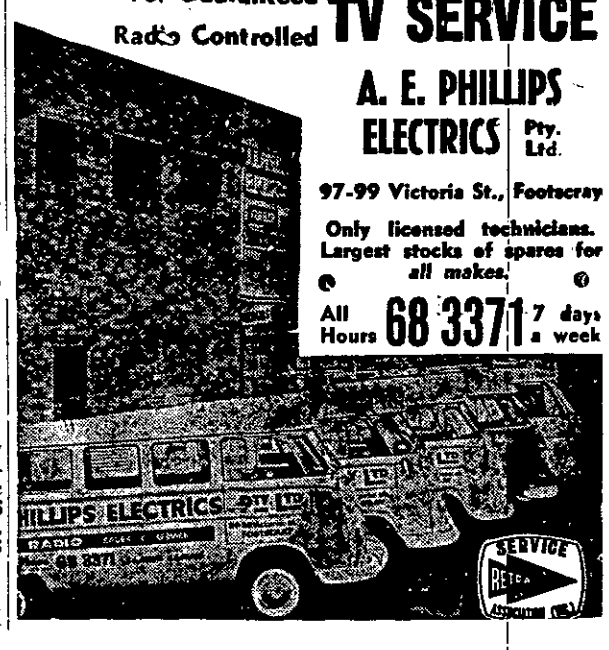


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## Gifts Needed for Mothers' Day Stall

**The last meeting of the Altona West State School Mothers' Club on Easter Eve was well attended. The main function of the evening was the drawing of the special effort of a large basket of Easter eggs. This was won by Mr. Norman Grainger, Wren Street, Altona West.**

The club wish to thank all the mothers who supported the effort. So far only 100 gifts have been received for the Mothers' Day stall to be held at the school on May 9. A further 500 are needed and all mothers are asked to give their support to this stall as it is the main effort of the year for the Mothers' Club. Gifts can be sent to the school at any time where they will be passed on to the Club.

All mothers are welcome to attend the meetings, held at the school on the first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m.


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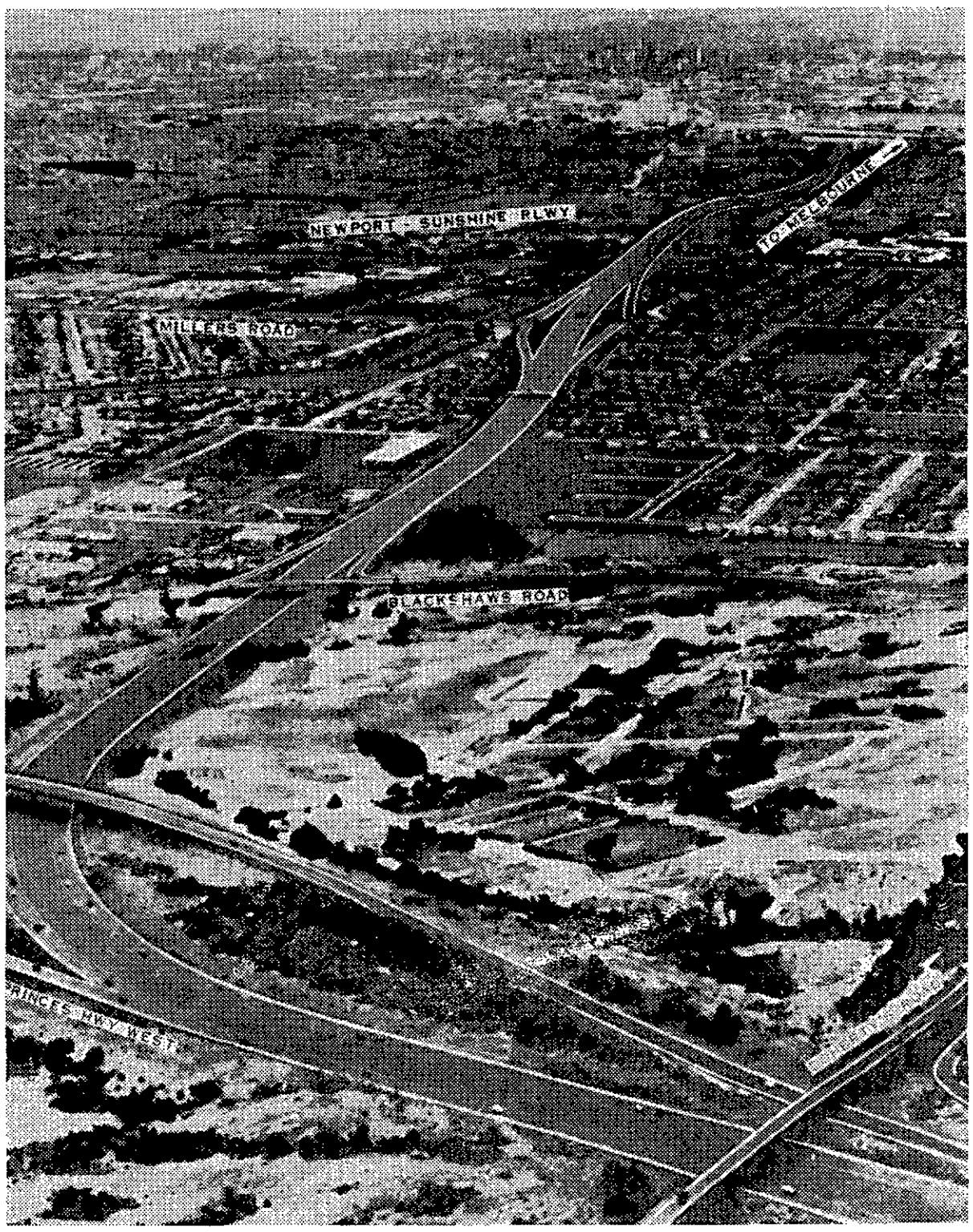


**A montage picture of the Lower Yarra Freeway. In the foreground is the Memorial Park with Altona North in the background.**

**The interchanges with the Princes Highway, Black shaws Road and Millers Road can be seen clearly.**

**The Freeway, a Country Roads Board project, will connect the Highway at the Western Suburbs Memorial Park with the West Gate Bridge and Expressway at Williamstown Road, a distance of approximately four miles.**

**In the foreground the Geelong bound lane of the highway crosses the Freeway.**

At this interchange the bridge freeway is relatively more important than the Highway.

Traffic from Sunshine and the Western (Ballarat) Highway will go over Princes Highway via Doherty's Road around the back of the Crematorium to Blackshaws Road where another interchange will give access to the Freeway.

Access can also be gained at Millers Road which will go under the Freeway and Williamstown Road.

Pedestrian overpasses will be constructed over the freeway at Rosala Avenue, Altona and Wembly Avenue, Footscray.

An important link for Altona South residents would be complete construction of Grieve Highway, which links up with Blackshaws Road. This would involve a level crossing over the Geelong railway line.

The freeway will be constructed initially with six traffic lanes divided by a 30 feet median between Williamstown Road and Millers Road, and four traffic lanes divided by a 66 feet median between Millers Road and the Princes Highway West.

The freeway will be fenced over its entire length and access will be permitted only at the interchanges provided. The road can be widened to eight lanes in the future without the need to acquire additional land.

Contracts let to date by the Board total $3¼ million.

Largest contract let is for the construction of 2.6 miles of the main carriageways from Kororoit Creek to Cranbrook Street at a cost of $1,922,597.

# Fumes and Explosion Threatened Altona

**The Altona Petrochemical Company takes exception to a reply to a question asked in the Legislative Council by Hon. A. W. Knight, concerning the recent bushfires in the vicinity of the Altona Petrochemical Co.**

**Because of its importance to Altona the question and answer were published in full by the Altona Star.**

Since publication the following letters have been received from Altona Petrochemical Company.

April 3, 1969.

The Editor, Sir —

Attached is a copy of a letter which I have written to the Honourable A. W. Knight as a result of an article which appeared in edition of the Altona Star paper. I recognize that you are in no way responsible for the inaccuracy which appeared in the reply given to Mr. Knight's questions.

However, I am sure that you are interested in presenting an accurate and factual report to your readers at all times and so attach my letter to enable you to correct the mistaken impression given of the Altona Petrochemical Company.

Very truly yours,
**O. R. SMITH,**
**Director & General Manager.**

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April 3, 1969.

**The Hon. A. W. Knight,**
**Member for Melbourne West,**
**75 Millers Road,**
**Seaholme, 3018, Vic.**

Dear Sir —

The Wednesday, March 26 edition of the Altona Star carried an article concerning questions asked by you in a recent session of the Legislative Council about events which occurred on January 8, 1969, when widespread grass fires burned in the Altona West area. In the reply to one question, it was stated "Another telephone call was received at D24 from a member of a Watching Company, advising that an explosion was imminent from chemicals stored at the Altona Petrochemical Company".

I would like to state unequivocally that at no time on January 8, 1969, did a situation exist which would have resulted in an explosion of chemicals or any other materials stored at our Company, as a result of the grass fire which burned in the area.

The grass fire approached the Complex from the west and did penetrate the properties of those Companies west of Maidstone Street. However, the efforts of the Complex fire fighting teams contained and extinguished the fire so that it in fact never reached our property, which is on the eastern end of the Complex. Consequently there could not have been any possibility of an imminent explosion of chemicals stored at our plant and the telephone call received at D24 was inaccurate.

Since the above quotation from the reply to your question appears in the official records of the Legislative Council and these records are available to many official bodies and the public, we believe it is important that these records include an accurate description of the events which occurred on January 8. Therefore we respectfully request that at the earliest opportunity you read this letter into the Legislative Council records and correct the false impression given of the Altona Petrochemical Company.

Very truly yours,
**O. R. SMITH,**
**Director & General Manager.**

# Sultan's Palace is Home for Local Rotary Student

## Living in a Sultan's Palace is the way of life this year for 18 year old Rotary Exchange student Trevor Findlay of Altona.

### With another Victorian, Wendy Chambers, he is staying until after next Christmas with the Sultan Omar Kiram and family in a huge palace in Kidapawan.

**Kidapawan has a population of 150 people and is at the foot of the highest peak in the Philippines — Mt. Apo.**

The Sultan is the head of the Muslim peoples but the family attends the Methodist Church and Sunday School.

They belong to civic organizations in the town such as Rotary, Jaycees, Women's Club and the Sultana is a district cub-scout commissioner and the only woman member of the Boy Scouts Executive Board.

The Sultan and his wife who is known as the Sultana Bai Labi Laila. Kiram, have 10 children ranging in age from four to twenty-five.

Their eldest daughter has graduated in law and journalism and furthered her studies at the University of Madrid, Spain.

She was Miss Philippines in 1966 and a finalist in the Miss World Contest.

All of the children are still studying and the older sons help manage the family rubber and fruit 'farms'.

## Big Happy Family

The household consists of the Sultan, Sultana, the 10 sons and daughters, Wendy, Trevor, 8 servants, a couple of nursemaids, 4 security guards and workmen working on the building.

Trevor says "We're just one big happy family".

The palace, only two years old, is still under construction.

Out front is a large portico held up by white pillars. Cars pull up beneath it at the front door.

Inside is a mixture of the old and new.

The bedrooms and second floor are modern but the lounge and kitchens are a mixture of modern, antique and Moslem decoration.

Three storeys high the palace has about a dozen bedrooms, several bathrooms, dance hall, library, lobby, lounge, dining, kitchen and rumpus rooms.

The grounds are about the same size as the Altona West State School with a tennis court, basketball court and swimming pool under construction.

Driveways are lined with roses of which the Sultana is very proud, as she is of her nursery and pet deer, "Bambi", which is kept on one of the family farms.

## To Manila by Air

Trevor left Australia in January to fly to Manila.

His first experience in the country was travelling from the airport in a minibus.

At first he was shocked when the driver began travelling on the "wrong" side of the road but he quickly realised the traffic used the opposite sides of the roads to Australia.

Gaudily decorated little taxis in all colours were tearing around the city at high speed and the noise of their horns was constantly heard.

There were few traffic lights or traffic police and no lane markings. It appeared a free-for-all with a disregard for all rules.

Trevor and other Rotary students were booked in at the Hotel Filipinas for a short stay. Arriving there just before sunset, at 5 p.m., he was shown to a luxurious suite — with bathroom, desk telephone, fully carpeted and air conditioned and a wonderful view from his 5th floor windows of Manila.

## They meet the Sultan

The Sultan and Sultana, in Manila to meet their daughter returning from Spain, heard Trevor had arrived and called on him at the hotel.

They took Trevor and five other students to dinner — chicken cooked Philippines style, coconut ice-cream and the usual huge glass of water.

Water is so precious that it is a sign of good living and wealth if a glass accompanies each meal, writes Trevor.

After dinner they visited the famous Rizal Park in central Manila — a huge floodlit garden where people can stroll and listen to the beautiful piped music or watch the German carp in the ponds.

The Sultana was dressed in her regal traditional dress like a sari while her husband dressed in a skivvy and modern suit.

Later the same night they went on to a night club on Roxas Boulevard, a long palm lined avenue on the waterfront.

Finally after an exciting and over-awing day they finally got to bed.

Next day the Sultan moved Trevor and Wendy to his own hotel and cancelled their onward flight bookings.

They stayed in this hotel until the Sultan was ready to return to his home taking the two students with him.

Originally Trevor and Wendy were to stay about one month with the Sultan then move on to the homes of other Rotarians in the islands.

But it was decided they should remain for the whole 12 months at the Palace.

## Exciting Country

"It is really an exciting and fascinating country", wrote Trevor to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Len Findlay of Blyth Street.

He said — "The countryside is beautiful. Coconut trees, rubber trees, mangoes and banana trees are to be seen for miles. As well there are many rice paddy farms and dense rainforests. Water buffaloes, brahma bulls, small dogs and horses are the main animals.

In the Palace grounds are goats, dogs and cats and the Sultana has the only deer for miles around".

In February Trevor experienced an earthquake.

He wrote — "It lasted for more than a minute, one of the most prolonged they have had here. At first I thought I was feeling faint, until the lights on the ceiling started to sway.

It was a very creepy feeling knowing that the whole Palace, a huge place, could be moved around by such force.

This is quite an unstable region because Mt. Apo, only a few miles from here is a dormant volcano. It could become active any time".

## Foundation Week

Trevor participated in Foundation Week at the Central Mindanao Colleges.

He attended the Literary-Musical contests and even though most of the speakers spoke in English he could hardly understand a word.

The Philippinos have their own brand of English and besides that, they find it almost impossible to pronounce "f's" or "v's" which they pronounce as "p" or "b", said Trevor.

He is called "Trebor Pindlay" and finds it hard to get used to.

At the crowning of the college queens, Trevor escorted another Rotary student, Anne Tower who was "Miss Friendship 1969". He walked her through a guard of honour formed by members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

"It was all very ceremonious and indicative of the Philippino love of pomp and festivities", said Trevor.

Next morning Trevor and Anne rode "in a sort of hippy volkswagen covered in flowers" in a float parade.

## School is Easy

Trevor is attending the Catholic Notre Dame College. His school uniform is a white short sleeved shirt with military pockets and long khaki trousers with a green strip down each leg.

He finds school rather easy except for the two languages he is studying — Spanish and Filippino.

He finds no trouble with Filippino History and English and says school is a lot of fun.

He has piano lessons with an American Filippino lady.

Getting to school he finds the most interesting part of the day.

Trevor has a choice of motorbike, jeep or chevrolet car and on the way he says he is likely to meet anything from a water-buffalo to a truck full of Filippino troops.

Sport at school is played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. Trevor is learning to play volleyball, softball and basketball. He has surprised himself by finding he has a natural aptitude for the latter game.

Back at the Palace he and Wendy play tennis each day.

Trevor also swims in the local river.

The first time he tried it he said he stayed in the water swimming and diving nearly all day. This seemed to surprise the locals as the Philippinos only exert themseves for short periods, said Trevor.

The river runs through rainforest and coconut plantations and near where Trevor swims is a waterfall and a deep section for diving.

With all the brown bodies swimming in the water and with such a tropical setting Trevor said it reminded him of "South Pacific".

## Birthday on St. Valentine's Day

Trevor celebrated his eighteenth birthday in February.

He wrote — "Had a beaut birthday weekend. Friday was Valentine's Day here, and the Filippinos celebrate it all the way.

We ended up having a combined Valentine's and birthday party in the Palace with 30 guests and the boys own group 'D Prince' providing the music. They are quite professional too.

Tessi, the head maid, baked a big birthday cake for me — very rich and mushy in the Philippino way.

I received the customary 'paddling' (that is a whack with a long paddle).

But seeing I was a guest I did not get the usual one for every year I have survived. Imagine being 50 and getting 50 paddles.

For my birthday I received a typical Filippino shirt called a 'barong'.

It is white with small flower designs and is supposed to be worn like a jacket on informal occasions. I could not wear it in Australia".

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## ALTONA WEST PLAY CENTRE

**The Altona Star has received two letters concerning the Altona Council and the Altona West Play Centre.**

As another letter received by the Council is now in the hands of the Council's legal advisers, any further comment or correspondence would be out of order. The letters, therefore, will not be published at the present time.

## BEETLE NIGHT FOR PLAY CENTRE

**The Altona Baptist Play Centre will hold a Beetle night on Wednesday, April 16, at the "Homestead", Queen Street, at 8 p.m.**

# Football on Saturday

## ALTONA CITY'S FIRST MATCH

**Altona City Football Club will play R.A.A.F. (Tottenham Base) on Saturday at Grant Reserve.**

**In the brief time since the formation of the Club, much has been done. Prospective players have been coming forward and the outlook for a good season is becoming brighter.**

Del Yorke has been appointed Coach.

Training nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, under the circumstances it is essential for a full muster of players on both evenings.

There will be a general meeting and pie night on Thursday. Further donations have been received, among these is a donation of $20 from Altona Cricket Club. A new score board has been presented by Merritt Timber & Hardware Co.

Mr. A. Butterworth is Accident Fund Officer. Players are asked to give him all necessary assistance.

The future of the Club must depend largely on the ability and enthusiasm of the team members. But they can be encouraged by local support.

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# SWINGING WORLD

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## IN RECOGNITION OF BUNGALOW BILL

**"Bill went hunting with his elephant and gun, in case of accident he always took his Mum", sing the Beatles in their hit song 'Bungalow Bill'. 'Bungalow Bill' is the Beatles' way of voicing their disapproval of the war in Vietnam and in fact all wars.**

**The Liverpool geniuses skilfully ridicule Bill as the typical green-clad U.S. soldier who does not really know what he is fighting for, yet still seeks glory in what he does. The Beatles paint Bill as the adolescent young man who is a victim of his era.**

**In Vietnam today Bungalow Bill is dominant among U.S. and Australian infantry battalions. He is the young combatant who each day covers many metres on foot and more than often the weight on his back makes him the elephant. His rifle (which generally weighs 10½ lb. when he commences patrol) gains an ounce with every step and the pack he carries, fairly breaks his neck.**

But the average "crunchie" doesn't have time to notice the weight because he is too busy counting his paces, scanning his arc of fire and glancing up at the trees. Because the trees are not always trees. Now and again he might have a quick five minute rest but even then he must take turn to watch and be ready. And sometimes he has time to eat but by then its dark and to strike a match would be fatal. So he eats his food cold and washes it down with a mouthful of hot water — if he has any left.

But he is not bitter because he is doing his job and pretty soon he is back at base camp swilling a grog. The time moves fast when he is out in the scrub and his money cannot burn a hole in his pocket. Consequently when it is time to catch the "freedom bird" that will take him home he may have a bank account.

So Bungalow Bill tries not to moan even when he has to patrol a week prior to going home. Whether he is American or Uc Doi Loi (Vietnamese word for Australian) he knows that he must fight in a war which maybe he does not even believe in. But nevertheless he must do this task because the government that the people of his country voted for sent him overseas for that purpose.

So democrats and you two million buyers of the Beatles Christmas Album, spare a thought for Bungalow Bill.

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## WHAT'S NEW BABY?

The U.S. forces in Vietnam have exploited the "Sokitoomy" saying as a safety advertistment to their troops, who are often injured by VC booby traps. Things like "Don't let the VC 'Sokit to you'" can be heard wailing across the AFVN radio regularly.

Believe the Canned Heat had quite a successful tour. And what an experienced group they are. Their lead guitarist played for JERRY LEE LEWIS when he was 14.

No doubt the battle of the Kiwis and "banana benders" will still be on in Melbourne with the two groups, known as the Avengers trying the hardest to outdo each other.

And at last, British group, Fleetwood Mac are beginning to have an impact on you swingers back in Australia. Fleetwood Mac was formed by Pete Green, the ex-guitarist for John Mayall's Bluebreakers.

And another ex-Bluebreaker, Eric Clapton will by now be going strong with his fresh line up which includes Stevie Winwood, Ginger Baker, the cream of drummers will remain with Clapton.

This year should see the rise or fall of Russell Morriss, The Groop, and The Groove.

Janis Ian, 15 year old singer — latest rage in the U.S.

Unfortunately I will not be able to see Footscray take off the footy premiership, this year.

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## GOSSIP

Frank and Margaret will make a lovely couple.

No doubt about it, Gayle is a real partygoer.

The great brain-drain to Canada continues.

When will Yvonne return? sobs John.

Dianne from Sydney writes to say that "Canned Heat" (the U.S. blues group) and Brenton Wood were a big hit. And apparently the Platterns were a "smash" success at the St. Albans Hotel.

Greetings to Uncle Percy. Has he formed a new group yet or will he live the life of an exiled muso on the farm at Meeniyan?

Been to Bertie's lately, Ray?

Are Smithey and Archie still operating at the Tottenham?

Hear tell that the 'Abominable SCHMO-MAN' will migrate to the Riverina and district for a few days.

Poor Norm his car must be a mini-mini now.

Clarkey should be twiddling dials now while Huddo and Skinner are square bushing their way around New South Wales.

Paging Mr. Geoffrey Cresser.

When you have finished reading this jumbled script, cut the column out, take it to Gardner's garage and try to get a discount on your petrol.

Noel Raff last seen heading out of the Custom House, in a checked shirt. Did he go to Dallas?

After spreading all this slander, dare I return to Australia?

## Little Athletics Medal Winners

**The Altona North Little Athletics Club will hold their presentation night at the Methodist Church Hall, Sixth Avenue, Altona North, on Saturday, April 12, at 7.15 p.m. Councillors will attend to present the trophies.**

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The Club wish to thank parents and business people for the time, effort and money given to make the season a success. Special thanks to donors of trophies:

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J. Nash — Boys U. 12, 800m.

N. Whittman — Girls U. 10, 100m.

N. Whittman — Girls U. 10, High Jump.

N. Whittman — Girls U. 10, 70m.

S. Faulds — Boys U. 11, Discus.

P. Dicks — Boys U. 9, 400m.

N. Whittman — Girls U. 10, 200m.

**SILVER:**

N. Whittman — Girls U. 10, Long Jump.

G. Thompson — Boys U. 10, 800m. walk.

K. Chrestright — Girls U. 10, 60m. Hurdles.

A. Yates — Boys U. 12, 60m. Hurdles.

M. Menichilli — Boys U. 12, 400m.

**BRONZE:**

M. Menichilli — Boys U. 12, Triple Jump.

O. Menichilli — Girls U. 9, 800m. walk.

J. Duggan — Girls U. 11, High Jump.

P. Clement — Boys U. 9, 800m. walk.

S. Hartnyp — Girls U. 12, 60m. Hurdles.

J. Nash — Boys U. 12, 60m. Hurdles.

J. Nash — Boys U. 12, 400m.

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# Problems of Altona Sporting Bodies

**Various sporting bodies in Altona are gravely concerned about problems which they must meet and overcome. Otherwise their future in their particular sport will be endangered.**

**While all sports from time to time meet difficulties, a variety of unfortunate circumstances confront the footballers, the soccer enthusiasts, the hockey club and the basket ball players.**

**While these matters are to an extent, internal to the clubs and associations concerned, the vital part sport plays in the lives of Altona's young people cannot be ignored.**

The interests and aid of Altona citizens is certainly called for, particularly on the basis of helping those who are helping themselves.

## FOOTBALLERS

It seems anomalous that football, generally accepted as the most popular winter sport, should be in Altona drastically lacking public support. Loss of interest and internal financial problems have prevented the Altona Football Club from fielding a senior team. This is the greatest set-back for the club in its 50 years in Altona.

Just at the last minute another club has been formed in an attempt to carry on — the Altona City Football Club, which has entered a senior team in the Western Suburban Association. It appears essential that there must be a new attitude and approach to Altona football by both players and supporters.

A club can only produce what is put into it. Any club will fail if players and supporters? limit their association with the club to the good times they have on the Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

## SOCCER

Kim Reserve in Millers Road is a pleasant site on match days. It has plenty of grass and growing trees. But it is limited to some extent in area, and certainly by lack of amenities.

The advancement of soccer in Altona has reached the limit of its facilities.

Beginning 1968 in the second division, the Altona Soccer Club gained promotion to the first division in 1969. The next step, the State League, in the view of many supporters, is not beyond them.

However, the facilities necessary in the League are far greater than those of the Altona Club. The ground must be fully enclosed, both with an exterior fence and an interior dividing fence to keep spectators off the playing arena. By an agreement with the Altona Council a fence fronting Millers Road has been authorised. In addition, of course, dressing rooms and associated facilities are essential.

The Club has active and financial supporters and should have a great future in Altona.

## HOCKEY

Hockey has also made exceptional progress in Altona. Competing in various grades there are six hockey male teams (3 adult and 3 junior teams), as well as a Ladies' Association.

The senior team is now faced with the situation that its ground in Grant Reserve may not measure up to the required standard. Here the problem is rather more simple — lack of grass. The area has not recovered from last year's drought but it is believed with sufficient watering the grass will recover. Supply of water is dependant on the already limited service to park trees and shrubs, etc., being re-allocated to meet this need.

## BASKET BALL

There are quite a number of basket ball enthusiasts in Altona. Because training facilities are insufficient it has been difficult to field a team. Last year an attempt was made but nothing has been done this year.

Basket ballers are associated with the Altona Youth Club. It has an outdoor court which, among other things, lacks lighting.

There is an indoor practice court but owing to the allocation of the hall to other youth club activities and St. John's Ambulance Brigade, no night is available to hold basket ball practice.

## TEN PIN BOWLING

**Altona Central Ladies' League games played April 1, 1969:**

7X Lemonade 3, Altona Central 1.

M. Ryeland 160 (7X), E. Matthews 165 (A.C.).

J. Matthews 437 (7X), E. Matthews 459 (A.C.).

Robert's Nurseries 3, Broberg Chemists 1.

J. McHale 166 (R.N.), P. Griffiths 197 (B.C.).

I. Tucker 473 (R.N.), P. Griffiths 508 (B.C.).

Loy's Lemonade 4, M. & D. Homes 0.

D. Johnson, B. Martin 161 (L.L.), J. Downes 148 (M. & D.).

B. Martin 454 (L.L.), J. Downes 422 (M. & D.).

Grand Cinema 3, Gobles 1.

P. Borlase 172 (G.C.), D. Moore 148 (G.).

D. Patterson 424 (G.C.), H. Hume 407 (G.).

Team standings:

| | W. | L. | T.P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Loy's Lemonade | 26 | 6 | 16068 |
| Robert's Nurseries | 24 | 8 | 16260 |
| M. & D. Homes | 22 | 10 | 15855 |
| 7X Lemonade | 16 | 16 | 15826 |
| Gobles | 14 | 18 | 15459 |
| Grand Cinema | 13 | 19 | 15947 |
| Altona Central | 12 | 20 | 15661 |
| Broberg Chemists | 1 | 31 | 12822 |

# Alexander too Strong for Altona City

**Over 2,000 people turned up at Olympic Park last Saturday to see last year's State League side, Alexander, play Altona City. The game was a real crowd pleaser with fast end to end play.**

**Alexander looked more dangerous than Altona. Hans Vanderpoel, the 16 year old in goal for Altona, nearly made a great save. Herman and King tried to get Altona going and Coles was doing his best. The hard tackling was stopping David Cook. Minutes from half time Alexander got their second goal, a thing of beauty from 20 yards out, a low shot that ranged past Vanderpoel.**

Altona were a bit more purposeful at the start of the second half. Balish, Milloy and Ormerod combined well and Ray King quickened things up. A through ball to Herman was handled inside the box and Keith Vanderpoel scored from the spot.

It was panic stations in the Alexander defence. Payne's corner kick was headed in by King but miraculously kicked off the line. On and on pressed Altona. Herman squared a pass inside and Payne from two yards out crashed the ball over the bar.

Alexander came back into the game and received a free kick 25 yards out. Before the Altona defence could move, the ball was in the back of the net. Kolliger tried to get the City going but Alexander were right on top now and scored 2 more goals in the last 5 minutes.

This Saturday Altona will have to improve to beat Ringwood at Kim Reserve.

## Altona Reserves in Great Win

**Alexander held no terrors for the young Altona side with three 16 years olds and four 17 year olds in its line up. They outplayed Alexander in every department.**

Star of the game was Ellias Ordanus, a 16 year old from the juniors, playing his first game in senior soccer. 6' 4" "Lurch" Saintsbury had a good game in goal and Barry Abbott played well at wing half, well supported by Dave Studdart.

Kick-off time for next Saturday against Ringwood United is 1 p.m. for the Reserves and 2.45 p.m. for the seniors at Kim Reserve.

## TABLE TENNIS

**WESTERN SUBURBS ASSOCIATION**

**Winter Pennant 1969:**

Final details are now being arranged for the forthcoming Winter Pennant, scheduled to start during the third week in April. Pending issue of the Fixtures, enquiries should be directed to the Table Tennis Centre. Garden Street, Williamstown (397-7681).

There are still a few vacancies for spare players or teams, and persons or clubs interested in filling any byes should call at the Centre promptly.

## EASTER HOCKEY CARNIVAL

### By On Side

**Altona Hockey Club played well at the Easter Hockey Carnival, held at Albury in which fifty-two clubs from N.S.W. and Victoria participated.**

Sixteen members of the Altona club, camped under the willows at Hume Weir, played in five games. Although Altona hit nine goals for, with 2 against, they finished third in their division.

This result could have been much better if a few of the players had given of their best for the whole game instead of relying on the fellows who give a maximum effort, game after game.

**Results:**

Altona d. A.M.P. 5-0
M.H.S.O.B. d. Altona 1-0
Altona d. Croydon 4-0
Altona drew N.S.W. Uni. 0-0
St. Pat's d. Altona 1-0

There were some nice fish caught this Easter.

Home and home games commence this Saturday. Three senior and junior teams will play at home if the grounds are marked and nets repaired.

How about it fellows? Friday night under the lights for the nets and Saturday morning for the grounds. Do not forget the Bar B.Q. at the home of Mr. Bob Bruce in Queen Street (after the games).

## WESTONA LITTLE ATHLETES

**Unfortunately last week a change had to be made to the venues for the Westona Club Championships. The club apologises for any inconvenience caused through this change.**

Though the members are competing under conditions which leave a lot to be desired, there is no lack of interest among the athletes vying for the title of Club Champion, in their respective groups.

As darkness comes down earlier each night, the Championships, being conducted in a segmented form, competitors find themselves competing in a "twilight meeting". But contrary to what would be expected under these conditions, some best personal performances have been recorded by club members.

Presentation night for the Westona Little Athletes Club, is next Friday night at the Altona West S.S., the evening is to commence at 7.30 p.m. and those attending are asked to bring a "plate". Last season's Presentation Night was a very successful event, if comments from club members and parents were to be taken as a guide, and this season's is hoped will be no exception.

The Williamstown Little Athletics Centre. Annual Presentation Night will be held in the Williamstown Town Hall on Friday, April 18, at 7.30 p.m. Westona Little Athletes are asked to let their parents know of this night and encourage them to attend, as they are also asked to do, for their own Presentation Night.

**VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1,200 Little Athletes from all parts of Victoria on Monday last, in front of 6,500 spectators at Olympic Park fought out the Victorian Championships.

Westona athletes who gained places were:—

G. Rohleder — Girls U. 12 Long Jump — 3rd, Bronze Medal.

B. Dodd — Boys U. 11 100m. — 2nd, Silver Medal.

P. Totney — Boys U. 9 Triple Jump — 3rd, Bronze Medal.

Williamstown Centre athletes gained an equal number of Gold Medals as Geelong Centre, and so tied for the Victorian Egg Board Trophy. This trophy has in the past been won by Geelong, and Monday's effort from Williamstown Centre was a very good show.

## St. Paul's Practice Matches

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1969**

**Under 12:**

Although well beaten by Kingsville Y.M.C.A. the youngsters performed creditably in their first effort together.

Best: V. Pino, J. Griffin, J. McCarthy, I. Jackson, B. McMahon and P. McNamara.

**Under 14:**

St. Paul's 9-13 — 67 defeated Kingsville Y.M.C.A. 9-9 — 63.

In a close match which St. Paul's won just before the final bell the team had a good pipe-opener for the start of the season.

Best: T. Cutroni, J. Parker, L. Ballan, and M. Rayner.

**Under 16:**

St. Paul's 7-10 — 52 defeated Kivsgni
feated Kingsville Y.M.C.A. 7-6 — 48.

Although Kingsville YMCA had a three goal advantage in the last quarter, St. Paul's finished strongly to just win.

Best: P. Lelkes, N. Pino, N. Gandolfo, F. Pearce, R. Lentini and A. Hersbach.

The season commences next Saturday with U. 12 away to Kingsville YMCA, U. 14 away to Spotswood and U. 16 home to Spotswood.

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St. Paul's also came third in the Senior Division and scored the highest aggregate points against seven other schools.

This was only the second year of competition for the school in the C.B.S.S.A. competition.

St. Paul's were amongst the first four placegetters in each of the 23 events in which they competed.

Besides the 12 firsts, St. Paul swimmers gained six second places, four thirds and one fourth place.

In the senior division East Brunswick scored 57 points, Traralgon came second with 52 and St. Paul's was third with 51.

**Shane O'Brien scored heavily for Altona North.**

In the Under 15 division, he set a new record in the 50 metres backstroke (34.6).

Although second in the breaststroke he swam faster than the old record.

He also finished second in the 100 metres reestyle.

In this division O'Brien, Tony Fitzpatrick, Marcus Tyle and Ray Tyrrell broke the Under 15 relay team record with a swim of 2 2.4.

Three records were broken by Michael Scott swimming in Under 13. 50 metre events. He won the backstroke (36.4), Breaststroke (42.4) and freestyle (30.4).

Clyde Davenport broke two records last year and this year set a new record for the Under 14 50 metres backstroke (36.0).

He also broke the breaststroke record but finished in second place.

He won the 50 metres freestyle in 31.2.

Other winners were Brian Tyrrell in the Under 17 50 metres breaststroke; Steven Hamment Under 12 50 metres freestyle and the backstroke; and in relays the Under 14 and Under 13 teams were successful.

Steven Hamment also scored a second in the Under 12 breaststroke.

Stephen Bugden was second in the Under 16 breaststroke and third in the freestyle.

The Under 17 relay team came second and the Under 12 third.

Michael Scott broke the record for the Under 17 50 metres butterfly.

Peter O'Brien was second in the 50 metres backstroke and Paul Gibson was fourth in the 100 metres freestyle.

In Under 16 events Ray Tyrrell was third in the 50 metres breaststroke.

Coaches of the swimmers are Mr. Clive O'Connell from the College and Mr. Merv Splatt from the Newport Swimming Academy.

The championship showing by St. Paul's received high praise by Headmaster, Fr. Daniel H. Winters, S.M. and the faculty members and parents who were present. The 600 strong student body cheered the teams in their record breaking performances.

# ADVICE TO LITTLE ATHLETES

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**The keynote in athletics in this age group should be enjoyment. Interest should be stimulated, and an atmosphere of fun should pervade with plenty of variety.**

**Athletics is not a body contact sport like football where injuries occur through collisions with other players, with the ground, or with the ball.**

In athletics there should be few accidents or injuries if training sessions and meetings are property conducted. Injuries are usually the result of lack of proper training, faulty equipment or track conditions.

Another frequent cause of injury is fatigue, as fatigue progresses skill diminishes and this predisposes to accidents. Any sprain of a joint should be rested immediately, the part should be elevated, and ice cold water applied. Expert attention should be sought.

An X-Ray examination is usually advisable.

Injuries, if properly treated, may cause little bother in the future, if incorrectly treated, they can cause endless trouble. All injuries must be fully recovered and tested before competitive work is undertaken.

Concussion resulting in loss of consciousness should receive immediate medical attention. Abrasions can result in tetanus, and for this reason alone must be taken seriously.

In order to minimise injury certain conditions must be met. There must be proper supervision at all times, together with suitable layout of the events. Children are constantly on the move and can easily get out of hand. Running and jumping surfaces must be well maintained and constructed in common with all apparatus. Careful attention should be given to foot wear, an occasional wash in a dilute solution of formaldehyde will help to counteract athlete's foot. Clothing should be washed after each session and towels etc. must not be shared.

Injuries are much less likely to occur if children are fit and not fatigued. General fitness is attained by proper sleep, diet, contentment, and the avoidance of over stimulation by such media as television. General training should aim at a basis of speed, strength, endurance and flexibility. There should be adequate rest and variety. A child should not train if he or she has a temperature or is genuinely unwell. Too much exposure to the sun's rays can cause debility and illness. Spiked shoes should be introduced gradually, and must be a good fit.

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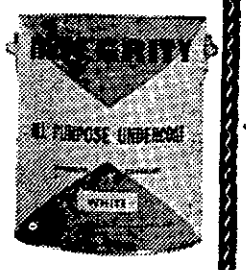

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